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Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. The numbering on this First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is a continuation of the numbering in Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 12, 1999 in connection with the above-captioned application. A copy of each document is also provided.

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Attached is our Check No. 30764 in the amount of \$ 240.⁰⁰ in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

Consideration of the cited documents and making the same of record in the prosecution of the above-identified application is respectfully requested. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this pleading is enclosed.

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